

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Sites

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AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of Proposed New Fee Sites.

SUMMARY: The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (Forest) is proposing to charge new fees at one group campground, two campgrounds, and one new horse campground. These sites are currently in use by the public but are not currently charging fees for use. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these recreation sites. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Significant capital improvements made in the past few years, coupled with increased visitation, support a fee. A review of visitor use data and fee collection information for existing fee campgrounds and group campgrounds on the Forest demonstrate public need and demand for the variety of recreation opportunities these facilities provide.

DATES: If approved, the new fee would be implemented no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

ADDRESSES: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Attention: Erin Rajala, 825 Avenue E, Ely, Nevada 89301 or *erin.rajala@usda.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Rajala, Recreation and Wilderness Program Manager at 775-289-5129. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest website:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, P.L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month

advance notice in the *Federal Register* whenever new recreation fee areas are

established. A market analysis indicated that the proposed fees are both reasonable and

acceptable for the type of recreation experience they provide.

The fees are only proposed at this time and will be determined upon further

analysis and public comment. The following campground and group campground are

included in this proposal for new fees: Horse Campground for \$10 per night and

Kalamazoo and White River Campgrounds for \$5 per night. Bird Creek Campground is

proposing a new double campsite fee for \$15 per night and group sites at \$20 and \$45 per

night.

Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed and

approved by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and

implementation.

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